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Montana Highway Commission Experiences Changes

Pierre L. "Pete" Bacheller, Billings, was appointed March 15 to Montana's Highway Commission and Highway Patrol Board by Governor Forrest H. Anderson.

Bacheller, 51, replaces Harold S. "Sonny" Hanson, Billings electrical and mechanical engineer, who resigned to run for political office.



Bacheller

Hanson, 45, filed February 22 for the Republican nomination as lieutenant governor. He was vice chairman of the commission.

Bacheller, president of International Tire Treads, Inc., is also a Republican. He was graduated from Billings schools and served in the Air Force during World War II.

Bacheller will serve the unexpired portion of Hanson's term which ends February 1, 1973.

Crosswalk safety film produced by traffic section

The Montana Department of Highways traffic section recently produced, with Montana Film Productions, Inc., a 15-minute film on school crosswalk safety entitled "The Long Walk."

The film opens with a gripping scene of an accident in a school crosswalk, and then explores the various means of signing and crosswalk safety measures, and the advantages or disadvantages of each.

A partial list of organizations which have shown the film includes: KULR TV, Billings; KBLT TV, Helena; KCFW TV, Kalispell; the Concentrated Education Program, Helena; State Board of Equalization, Helena; Federal Highway Administration in Helena and Portland; and schools in Kalispell, Helena, and Wolf Point division.

Films are available for loan to schools and civic organizations. For dates please call or write the Information Unit, Montana Department of Highways, Helena, Mont. 59601.

The 16mm film is in full color and sound.

R. E. "Pete" Coffey, a member of the Montana Highway Commission and owner of Radio station KVCK in Wolf Point, died March 18 of an apparent heart attack. He was 52.



Coffey

Coffey had served two terms as mayor of Wolf Point and six years as Roosevelt County Commissioner. He was vice president of the Eastern 18-County Economic Development Association.

Coffey had been appointed to the Highway Commission in late January, 1971 by Governor Forrest H. Anderson, to begin a four year term on Feb. 1, 1971.

We learn that a consultant is a man who borrows your watch and tells you what time it is.

2 Staff Appointments Made

H. J. Anderson, Director of Highways, announced March 8 the appointment of Jack R. Beekert as Administrator of the Engineering Division. Beekert will also continue his duties as acting chief, preconstruction bureau.

Beekert first joined the highway department in 1946 as a detailer in the bridge plans department. He was promoted to designer, assistant bridge engineer, senior assistant bridge engineer and preconstruction engineer. In 1968 he assumed the position of Assistant State Highway Engineer-Engineering.



Beekert

Leslie Harris has been appointed administrative assistant to Beekert. Formerly project coordinator in the project control unit, Harris has been with the department for 18½ years.

Clarence R. Maekey, former district engineer in Billings, was reassigned February 1 to acting senior assistant chief, Helena construction bureau.

Maekey is a native of Grass Range. Immediately upon his graduation from Grass Range high school in 1933 he went to work for the highway department as a gravel checker. Maekey then went to an engineering crew as a chainman.

In April 1942 Maekey enlisted in the army engineers. He served with the 351st Army Engineer Regiment, was in the landing party on Omaha Beach and was in the advance party for the Liberation of Paris.

Maekey returned to the highway



Maekey

department upon his completion of service duties in December, 1945 and went to Lewistown as a rodman. He became instrumentman in 1948 and in 1949 was transferred to Billings. He was promoted to project engineer in 1950 and in 1956 was named resident engineer. He was appointed division engineer in April 1964. In June of 1968 he was promoted to district engineer.

Dutch Flemming, construction engineer, dies March 30

Gerald E. "Dutch" Flemming, a veteran of more than 38 years with the Montana Department of Highways, died March 30 in Helena after an illness of several months.

Flemming came to Helena in May, 1971 when he was promoted to the post of state construction engineer. He formerly was division engineer in the Wolf Point division for 21 years. With executive reorganization in January, 1972, he assumed the title of senior assistant chief-construction bureau.

Flemming was ranked third in longevity with the highway department,



Flemming

behind A. E. Harcharik, Lewistown with 42 years and Don B. DeVore, Helena, 40 years.

Dutch was born in Minnesota, and attended schools in Poplar, the University of Washington and Montana State University. He first came to work for the department in 1930 as a chainman at Poplar. He worked up through the positions of rodman, instrumentman, and project engineer.

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Great Falls	Ciel Tinelli
Havre	Edna Hess
Helena	Bev Gibson
Kalispell	Bob Finley
Lewistown	Bea Knerr
Miles City	Jean Sweeney
Missoula	Clara Neely
Wolf Point	Ollie Hauge

News items of interest to Highway Department employees are invited. They should be given to the correspondents listed above.



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW MONTANA?

1. The Lewis & Clark Caverns are near
 - a. Twin Bridges
 - b. Whitehall
 - c. Anaconda
2. The St. Ignatius Mission was established in 1854 for what Indians
 - a. Crow
 - b. Flathead
 - c. Blackfeet
3. Makoshika State Park is in
 - a. Prairie county
 - b. Roosevelt county
 - c. Dawson county
4. Whose name is carved on the Pompey's Pillar rock
 - a. Meriwether Lewis
 - b. William Clark
 - c. Sacajawea
5. Madison Buffalo Jump State Monument is near
 - a. Logan
 - b. Ennis
 - c. Pryor
6. The highest mountain in Montana, 12,799 elevation is
 - a. Mt. Cleveland
 - b. Trapper Peak
 - c. Granite Peak
7. Montana's largest earthfilled dam
 - a. Hungry Horse
 - b. Fort Peck
 - c. Yellowtail
8. The Range Riders Museum is located in
 - a. Miles City
 - b. Billings
 - c. Crow Agency
9. Whitefish is famous for
 - a. Snowmobiling
 - b. Rock formations
 - c. Winter Carnival
10. The lowest point in Montana, 1820 elevation is near
 - a. Baker
 - b. Glasgow
 - c. Libby
11. Hamilton is in
 - a. Ravalli county
 - b. Missoula county
 - c. Mineral county
12. The first territorial capital of Mont.
 - a. Virginia City
 - b. Bannack
 - c. Helena
13. The Festival of Nations is held annually in
 - a. Browning
 - b. Livingston
 - c. Red Lodge
14. Montana's first white settlement
 - a. Fort Owen
 - b. Wolf Point
 - c. St. Ignatius
15. The "Copper King" Mansion is in
 - a. Anaconda
 - b. Butte
 - c. Helena
16. Which town is farthest east
 - a. Miles City
 - b. Glendive
 - c. Baker
17. The county seat of Treasure county
 - a. Hysham
 - b. Forsyth
 - c. Poplar
18. Duck Lake is in
 - a. Yellowstone county
 - b. Meagher county
 - c. Glacier county
19. Dude Ranches are found in
 - a. Northeastern Montana
 - b. Southeastern Montana
 - c. South central Montana
20. The Big Hole river is nearest
 - a. Kalispell
 - b. Helena
 - c. Anaconda
21. The Big Belt Mountains are nearest
 - a. Great Falls
 - b. Scobey
 - c. White Sulphur Springs
22. Which is the largest city
 - a. Missoula
 - b. Miles City
 - c. Butte
23. Tribal office of Fort Belknap Indian Reservation
 - a. Lewistown
 - b. Busby
 - c. Harlem
24. Oil fields are found near
 - a. Shelby
 - b. Hamilton
 - c. Bozeman
25. Malta is on
 - a. Marias River
 - b. Milk River
 - c. Missouri River
26. The geographical center of Montana
 - a. Havre
 - b. Lewistown
 - c. Livingston
27. Western Montana College is located at
 - a. Deer Lodge
 - b. Polson
 - c. Dillon
28. Glendive is on
 - a. Missouri River
 - b. Clark Fork River
 - c. Yellowstone River
29. The Ruby River flows through
 - a. Beaverhead county
 - b. Gallatin county
 - c. Madison county
30. The town of Ronan is in
 - a. Lincoln county
 - b. Lake county
 - c. Sheridan county
31. Which is farthest east
 - a. Blaine county
 - b. Phillips county
 - c. Valley county
32. The Museum of the Plains Indian
 - a. Crow Agency
 - b. Lodgepole
 - c. Browning
33. Acting Montana Territorial Governor in 1866
 - a. Lawrence Majerus
 - b. Thomas Meagher
 - c. William Clark
34. Chief Joseph surrendered near
 - a. Chinook
 - b. Wolf Point
 - c. Browning
35. Headquarters of the Custer National Forest
 - a. Missoula
 - b. Billings
 - c. Kalispell
36. Robbers Roost is near
 - a. Sheridan
 - b. Broadus
 - c. Darby
37. Nationally famous fishing stream
 - a. Milk River
 - b. Blackfoot River
 - c. Madison River
38. Terry is in
 - a. Garfield county
 - b. Prairie county
 - c. McCone county
39. Which is farthest west
 - a. Thompson Falls
 - b. St. Regis
 - c. Missoula
40. The Judith Mountains are in
 - a. Rosebud county
 - b. Petroleum county
 - c. Fergus county
41. The Tiber Dam is near
 - a. Glendive
 - b. Havre
 - c. Chinook
42. Charles Russell's original studio is in
 - a. Helena
 - b. Cut Bank
 - c. Great Falls
43. Pronghorn Antelope are familiar to
 - a. Southwestern Montana
 - b. Northwestern Montana
 - c. Eastern Montana
44. Polson is near
 - a. Lake Mary Ronan
 - b. Flathead Lake
 - c. Whitefish Lake
45. Which is closest to Havre
 - a. Great Falls
 - b. Hingham
 - c. Chester
46. Missoula is in
 - a. Missoula county
 - b. Mineral county
 - c. Lake county
47. The Custer Battle of 1876 was really fought
 - a. 1874
 - b. 1877
 - c. 1876
48. The state bird of Montana
 - a. Blackbird
 - b. Sparrow
 - c. Meadowlark
49. The capital of Montana is in
 - a. Lewis and Clark county
 - b. Carter county
 - c. Jefferson county
50. The county seat of Powder River Co.
 - a. Ekalaka
 - b. Broadus
 - c. Baker

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DDC Quota is Met

The National Safety Council has announced that Montana has surpassed its quota in training drivers through the Defensive Driving Course in 1971. The DDC is administered in the state by several agencies and safety councils, including the Montana Department of Highways safety section, Clint Fulkerson, supervisor.

Montana is one of 15 states which met or surpassed its training quota. The 1971 quota for Montana was 3,820 and 3,858 were actually graduated from the 8-hour courses.

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In 1941 he left to work on defense projects for Peter Kiewitt Sons, and Kaiser Shipyards, following which he joined the U. S. Navy. Upon his return in 1946 he was employed as a project engineer in the Wolf Point division. He was promoted to division construction engineer in 1950.

WITH THE DIVISIONS

Kalispell

—Bob Finley—

The first robins have been sighted, and the pussy willows are being watched by Floyd Pauli and Marshall Beatty for the first bouquet to adorn the office. These are not the only signs of approaching spring . . . every mother with children, or wives with the usual run-of-the-mill mates, have tracks of mud from the back door to the refrigerator. The dirt will be a most welcome sight to the boys on the "hill" who have fought a rough battle all winter with the record snow fall. They have had U. S. 2 open and shut more often than a politician's false teeth. During one of the periods that they had the pass open, Glen Brown slipped over from the Havre division to take up his duties as bridge engineer.

The young men's fancies have also turned in accordance with tradition as Al Popp managed to walk his daughter, Julie, down the white carpet on February 19. Along with the spring equinox the contractors are beginning to stir out from under the rocks and rills to begin construction projects. Our roads, which have begun to bare off, are taking shape and the maintenance forces are keeping up top to see this shape does not get too badly bent.

One of the arctic fronts that moved in last winter also brought Tom Wing from the Alaska Highway Department. Tom had worked for five months in the Helena division prior to trekking off to the tundra. He is our engineer in training. Tom and wife, Connie have moved their trailer house and are looking forward to bringing up a few head of horses.

The melting snow and rain have also stirred the local pitch and putters and plans are being formulated to make the second annual western section of the highway golf tournament a rousing shindig. The popularity of having it during the sweet cherry harvest has now become mandatory.

One of the stalwarts of this noble fold, Wayne Gryde, entered the Kalispell segment of the Bold Ones for a bit of razzle dazzle of the surgeon's shiv. While tucked in the starched white sheets the office girls presented

him with a "Big Wheels" scrapbook plus a sack full of goodies they snatched from Moose's, consisting of some sawdust and gubers. (If you think the name "Moose's" is not for real, you have never been to Kalispell.)

Loren Dollan's wife has also entered the pentathol palace and as we go to press she goes to surgery. A pleasant and speedy recovery to you, Eileen. Ken McRae is back with us after spending a month at home with a broken bone in his ankle. It's times like this that make it pleasant to have the Blue Shield in spite of the fact the premiums are slightly higher than the average monthly wage of the people that Nixon just spent a week with on the tele.

Some of the diehards are reluctant to let the winter slip away. Glen Thompson has taken to the slats pretty seriously and after a few practice slaloms in his back yard, tackled the Big Mountain complex. (Blue Shield, eat your heart out.) Bob May, Don Decker and Ken McRae, all members of the doctor of motors in the Kalispell shop took a three-day snoeat trip over Washington's birthday. They left their rigs at the Big Creek Ranger Station and mounted the screaming 'cats for a 20-mile sojourn into the brush. No wild game or snow bunnies were reported but a herd of pink elephants was spotted upon their return. A new member of the mechanics menage is Jerry Lee . . . welcomed aboard, Jerry.

Our last efforts in the Centerline featured the sport of skydiving. This caught the fancy of Larry Johnson and he has two ripeords tucked up as mementos of his defiance of the old adage we were never meant to fly. The two treatments were not sufficient to halt the disease and he claims he is looking forward to more of them. Instead of looking forward, Larry . . . look down!

Now, having finished the news beat, we turn to our personality profiles. Take off your shoes, open a can of suds and meet your fellow workers:

Dan Tombrink has been with the highway department (Department of Highways, pardon me) for three years now. He received his B. S. in construction technology from Montana State University at Bozeman.

Dan at present is a rodman but his ability and knowledge should soon alter this. Dan is one of those extremely quiet individuals that seldom says much but extremely dependable and his soft chuckle is the only response you get when you attempt to harass him. Dan became a resident of the valley at age three when he moved here with his parents and one older brother. Dan still lives at home and helps with the farming. His hobby is unique. He collects old farm



Tombrink

machinery and restores it. The hobby is shared by the whole family. They have nine old threshing machines and five old-time tractors. Last fall their ranch was the mecca for a threshing bee and this year plan a much larger bee for the harvest. They also plan to attend several more "bees" throughout the northwest. They will be using a steam engine tractor for power at this fall's bee. Dan says that all are welcome and if you want to see where the expression "Enough grub for a threshing crew" originated, then pop up this way come fall.

Another quiet type is Al Lang. Al has been with the department (playing it cool and using only one word) for 14½ years and started out on the survey crew with Bill Hebert. Now both Al and Bill are in the maintenance section. Al just celebrated 30 years of marital life with his wife, Daisy Mae. They have one son, Dave, who is making the service a career and is now stationed in Germany. Al and Daisy visited Dave last year and are eagerly looking forward to seeing the grandson again in June when they will be home for a spell.

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Al loves carpentering but he is one of those rare individuals who is able to handle most any job. He has already constructed two houses and he built his wife a complete bedroom suite and a buffet. Seems no matter where you turn in the highway complex here you will find a file cabinet,



Al Lang

a storage chest, tool storage box or a workbench that bears the handi-craft of Al. With the advent of spring Al is looking forward to slipping the camper on his pickup and taking up his hobbies of camping, hunting and fishing. Al was raised and schooled in Ingomar, Montana but has lived in the Flathead for the past 20 years. Some of the gentleness Al inherited tending sheep is thoroughly ingrained in him. One co-worker summed up Al's abilities as such: "Al is an all-around man. Whatever it is, he can do and do it well." It's a compliment Al deserves. It's nice working with people like this.

Great Falls

—Ciel Tinelli—

Just have to show off our own Norma Lawrence, R/W steno who does a terrific job of handling all the comings and goings of all 11 men in her department, besides keeping house for husband, Bob and making a home for her 85-year-old father—and that also includes baking 11 birthday cakes each year.

Think it has been a bad winter? Bill Gustafson, R/W's Jean Claude Kilby, says it has been great for skiing—he will probably tackle the Matterhorn next. Jim Hein, who has acquired a four-wheel drive vehicle and who recently spent a whole day shoveling himself out of a snow drift,



Norma

discovered that he still has only "limited access" even with a four-wheeler. Clarence Christensen, R/W's bounty hunter, had a very successful season of coyote hunting . . . made a "killing" they say. Turning to indoor sports, Jack Stephenson has a new hobby, that of collecting original art of Montana artists.

Dale Harnish, who had decided "two can live as cheaply as one" recently remarried and made a trip to Las Vegas. He is currently back, recouping his finances and revising the old adage to "two can lose twice as much as one."

All the appraisers (Pat O'Connell, Jim Hofland, Dale Harnish, Jack Stephenson and Arlen Hughes) attended an Appraisal School conducted by their review appraiser, W. Glenn Tonkin. Glenn had 24 students and we understand there was quite a run on "red apples" in the local stores that week.

Our sick list had Bud Williams hospitalized with wrist surgery and Dan O'Rourke with the old flu bug. Clyde Foster has been absent from work for six weeks and will leave March 14th with his wife, Arabelle, for Seattle where he will undergo further cardiac examinations. We sure wish him the best of luck and hope he will be back with us before too long.

We received Christmas letters from Bud and Betty McGiffin and the Pete Hilts down Arizona way. They were enjoying the climate, natch, and looking forward to attending the Montana Picnic held in Mesa. Pete's letter informed us that June Swanson (she and Al are also wintering in Arizona), tried to catch a lizard and it started up Al's leg. Said Pete, "That quiet Swede sure danced the can-can, the

poor lizard flew through the air and Al sputtered for quite some time after."

We were just starting to really get to know Mary Karen Rickert when she up and left us the first of the year. She is going to become a mother and we will be waiting for that blessed event to take place. Gail Fisher was hired to take her place. Gail is married and besides her husband, "Ski," she has a Pomeranian Terrier, "Tinker."

Raymond Jacobson was recently promoted to traffic engineer and transferred here from Kalispell with his wife, Katherine and son, Travis.

And now we have to mention our off-spring of whom we are very proud. Sharon Haugen, daughter of Ray and Frances Wiley has been selected for membership in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. The selection was based on scholastic records, leadership, citizenship and service to the college and community. Sharon is a senior at Havre's Northern Montana College and is majoring in business administration. Anthony Strainer will soon be home on leave to visit his mom and pop, Ed and Myrth and sisters, and will then leave for Fort Lewis and on to Vietnam. He won many honors in wrestling while in school. Let's hope his training will help bring him back home safe and sound. Four-year-old Kenny Kurt Fisher celebrated his first birthday, February 29th. These leap year birthdays have it made.

Larry Lesofski has moved his headquarters into Great Falls and now occupies the basement of the Great Falls Brewery, also the home of the rest of our construction engineers. He says it's pretty dark down there as he is used to the wide open spaces, but his gas lamp should put some light on the subject. Bob Livesay, EIT, was recently promoted from 2nd to 1st lieutenant in the Montana Air National Guard here in Great Falls.

The years of service recognized since our last report through March 4th total 275 years. Those completing terms are: Raymond L. Wiley, 30 years; John Floberg, Dale Moore, and Elmer Richards, 25 years each, and also Kiernan J. Minehan with 25 years (he was transferred to the Butte

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Montana Hosts Safety Conference

A successful Western States Safety Supervisors conference was staged in Helena on March 15th and 16th at the new Colonial Motor Hotel. Montana acted as co-host this year with North Dakota; Paul R. Feyereisen, car and safety supervisor, North Dakota State Highway Department as chairman, and Clint Fulkerson, safety supervisor, Montana Department of Highways, co-chairman. Hosts were: H. J. Anderson, director of highways; Jack R. Beckert, administrator, engineering division; and Homer G. Wheeler, chief, construction bureau, all of the Montana Department of Highways.

Final registration tallies indicated widespread interest in the meeting not only from the safety sections of state highway departments, but a generous attendance from business and industry as well. Delegates came from 18 western states and 2 Canadian provinces. Electric power companies, telephone companies, contractors, industrial associations, truckers and fleet operators sent their safety people to the two-day comprehensive study of safety practices, complemented by a close examination of OSHA — Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

Featured speakers for the event included Howard Pyle, president of the National Safety Council; Dr. Glen L. Martin (keynote address), head and professor and director of research, department of civil engineering, Montana State University, Bozeman; Chief Justice James T. Harrison, Helena (luncheon speaker); master of ceremonies, Don Harriott, Asphalt Industries, Helena, and new Helena city commissioner.

Chairman Paul Feyereisen called the meeting to order promptly at 1:00 p.m., on the 15th, and introduced Helena city manager Walter Anderson for the speech of welcome. The response to this was made by the Director of Highways, H. J. Anderson.

The Montana contingent of moderators and panelists included: Richard B. Dundas, supervisor division construction section, Butte, moderator of the Administrative Engineering panel on New Employees. Bruce Russell, supervisor division construction section, Glendive, was a member panelist on the subject of new employee indoctrination. Roy L. Jameson, chief

of the Bureau of Safety and Health, Helena, was the moderator on a panel set up to study Federal-State O.S.H. activities. Sylvia Casey, executive director, Montana Safety Foundation, described the work of the foundation; and Albert E. Goke, director, Office of Highway Traffic Safety discussed the vital topic of "Traffic Safety." Kenneth E. McLaughlin, assistant supervisor, safety section, Helena, moderated a panel on construction safety; and Vernon Gray, assistant supervisor, safety section Billings, was a member of a panel on personal injuries. Vernon A. Strahm, Federal Service Area director, Billings; and Jerome R. Koehler, training supervisor, Bureau Safety and Health, Helena, were members of other discussion panels.

A partial listing of those who attended from the Montana Department of Highways included: Clarence Mackey, Don Gruel, William Larson, F. W. Toombs, Dick Rogers, Richard Wegner, Vincent Keiley, Robert Rask and Dick Tobel, all of Helena; Ray Wiley, Great Falls; A. E. Harcharik, Lewistown; Ben Miller, John Van Vyne, Missoula; Dennis Williams, Bozeman; and Bill Woolston, Billings.

At the Wednesday evening banquet, featuring Howard Pyle, 142 delegates, guests and their wives were served an excellent dinner. Pyle regaled the assembly with anecdotes

from his variegated and checkered past, and breathed life into the history of traffic and industrial safety in this country virtually from the first conceptions of safety. He also described the impact expected from OSHA—the new Occupational Safety and Health Act.

One of the determinations resulting from a last-stage plans session on Thursday afternoon, was that the state of Idaho will co-host, with Montana, the 1973 conference of the WSSSC. Clint Fulkerson then will act as chairman, and Dale Tankersley, safety supervisor, Idaho Department of Highways, as co-chairman. The place will be somewhere in Boise, Idaho. The exact date—unsettled as yet; an initial planning get-together, in West Yellowstone—soon.



H. Pyle



Paul Feyereisen presents Clint Fulkerson gavel as next year's chairman.

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Billings

James Young

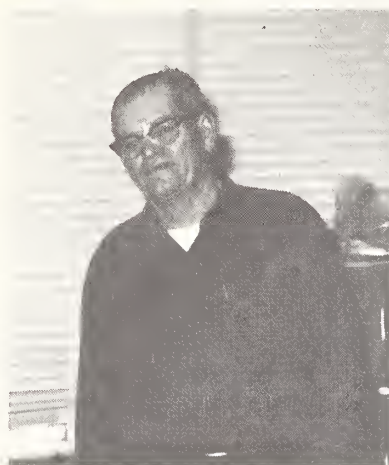
Mabel Trythall retired February 29 after 25 years service with the Department of Highways. Mabel started as a stenographer in 1947 and worked up to a Clerk 5, in charge of payrolls and personnel at the time of her retirement. Mabel had that personal touch, she knew each and every employee by name, always had that big smile for all. She will be missed.



Klimper, Trythall

John Goodman, maintenance sectionman retires March 24 after 28 years of service. John started work in Billings in April of 1944. Ned Hamley has been retired for about a year. A no-host retirement party will be given on March 24 at Lake Hill Country Club for Mabel, Ned and John. The committee in charge of the party are Harold Dunbar, Pete Messer and Dewey Busha.

Lab personnel held five one-day training sessions during February.



Goodman

Approximately sixty construction employees attended the school. Topics covered included hot plant, paver and roller inspection, testing of aggregate at hot plants, test sections, and control strips, marshall tests and seeding. Instructors were Dan White, Harvey Peterson, George Haider and Howard Klovstad.

Other Schools

Vern Gray, Safety Engineer, announced completion of three one-day defensive driving courses at Post No. 4, American Legion in Billings. About 90 employees attended the three classes.

One hundred thirty employees attended the American Red Cross first aid classes. Edgar "Bud" St. John was the instructor. Training was given at the American Legion's new building on Broadwater Avenue in Billings.

Basic and advanced engineering classes are being held at Billings Sen-

ior High School. Advanced engineering is being taught by Ken Hartman and has about 12 employees enrolled.

Basic engineering is being taught by Cliff Dunn and also has about 12 employees attending.

Ken Bowersox, Jim Cook, Jim Rangitsch and Don Taylor attended a three-week bridge engineers training school in Helena in January.

Bowling News Flash

State Highway Employees bowling tournament committee announced that the no-host dinner and dance will be held in the K. C. Hall on Grand Avenue in Billings April 29. Posters and tickets will be mailed to each division soon. The tourney will be held at the Sunset Alleys on Central Avenue.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson are parents of an 8 lb. 6 oz. boy, Jason Mathew. Jim is on a survey crew and Mrs. Thompson is the former Sharon Farrell.

On February 11 at the Elks Club in Billings the Big Sky Federal Credit Union held their annual meeting. The following people were elected: President, Garth C. Hougaard; First Vice President, C. R. Cheney; Second Vice President, John Miner; Treasurer, George Haider; Directors, Michael Zalm, Emmett Colley, Harold Dunbar. Credit Committee: Chairman, Ted Weiss, Carl H. Foltz, and Peter A. Messer. Supervisory Committee: Chairman, William E. Mankin, Kenneth Hartman, Oscar Charbonneau. Education Committee: Chairman, Garth C. Hougaard, George Haider, and John E. Neudick.



State safety supervisors gathered March 15-16 for comprehensive study of safety practices.

Life Guard (with girl in his arms): "Sir, I've just resuscitated your daughter." Father: "Then, by gad, you'll marry her."

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The young doctor was advising the young parents on the care of their first born: "Remember," he said, "boil everything before putting it in the baby's mouth." "Gosh, honey," the new father exclaimed, "No wonder you insisted on putting Junior on the bottle!"

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A lesson that some of us will never learn is that government rarely does something for us unless it also does something to us.

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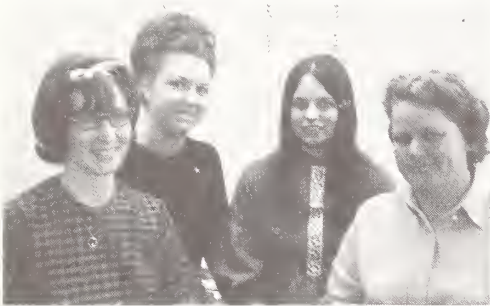
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division the first of March); Lawrence Cheziek, Delbert Busta, Robert Duty, Floyd Grubb, James T. Sullivan and John Mital each with 15 years; Marlin Braekney, Jack Stephenson, James Thoroughman, Virginia Dunn and yours truly, Ciel Tinelli with ten years each, and Ernie Stoberg of Monarch with 5 years.

Bozeman

—Barbara McGuire—

It has not been decided if it was due to Women's Lib, Leap Year, or the springlike weather, but when the ballots were returned (all four of them), it was unanimous that the Femmes Fatale be the Featured Four for this February. Alliteration be hanged, the women won, hands down! So, here they be and from left to right they are Doris Johnson, who just returned to the ranks part time.



Doris is married to Joe Johnson, who is attending MSU and they have one daughter, Angela who is 9 months old. Barbara McGuire, the old timer of the group with almost 10 years, is married to Red McGuire who is a tanker driver and they have one daughter, Sherri who is 10 years old. Ronda Planichuk is our only bachelorette and she graduated from MSU and is living with her sister and brother. She has been working here for about 2½ years. Pat Letendre has four children, 3 boys and 1 girl, and her husband, Roland, is a printer. She has also been here for about 2½ years. The comments here are short and sweet, so we shall simply say, "To know them is to love them."

Lots of service pins have been presented lately. Reece Burns and Walt Ardisson each received their 5 year pins; Guy Hembree, Swede Jensen, Jim Kirk, and Sid McCarty each received their 10 year pins; Leonard Burg for 15 years and Willie Foss

for 20 years. Congratulations to you all.

We celebrated three birthdays in the office with cake and ice cream, for Pat Letendre, Bill Ford, and Ed Reiser.

Hup Davis and Barbara McGuire traveled to Helena for a two-day session on personnel.

The Livingston crew is getting ready for the Highway Bowling Tournament. They placed second in the team event of the city tournament. Team members are Dave Adams, Garry Cotant, Les Saunders, and Floyd Heath. Also, Dave Adams and Garry Cotant won 4th in the doubles in the same tournament.

Harold Roby left on a trip to Europe to visit his daughter, Christine who is going to school over there. Harold and his wife plan to visit France, Germany and England.

Two of our most profitable moonlighters in February were Garry Cotant and Larry McComb of Livingston who teamed up to win a 10-steer average in the team roping event in Belgrade on February 26th and 27th.

Barbara McGuire went off to sunny California on March 1st with family and friends to attend the Miller High Life 500 Stock Car Race in Ontario, Calif.

Do you know the definition of a "wintersault," according to Ray Reiser, age 3? Opposite of somersault.

Glendive

—Carole Curtiss—

Since this is my last Centerline report, I should take my time and make it a good one, so here goes. After two and a half years of employment I have chosen to stay home and be a full-time housewife, but will surely miss it all. My replacement is Nancy Siegle, who hails from Lewistown. She is married to Dale, who works at QB&R in Glendive. So a big welcome to you, Nancy and a big goodbye from me to you-all. I've enjoyed every minute of working for the State of Montana.

Jack Riley, chief-field maintenance bureau, had a little accident and broke his foot. Anyway, he is recuperating in the hospital.

Harold Henderson, supervisor of Sidney section was in an accident the

last part of February and broke a bone in his leg. Harold is home recuperating and should be back to work soon.

The engineers, lab and shop crews are patiently waiting for the ice to go out on the river. They have loaded much of their papers and equipment on pickups for a quick run for higher ground in case of flood. Apparently they don't like the rush of moving when the river is lapping at the top of the dike.

Eddie Beyl, a former highway employee in Glendive, is in critical condition in the hospital after suffering a series of heart attacks.

T. A. Kuntz, maintenance man at Flowing Wells, retired February 18. Seems he had had enough plowing snow and patching roads and has decided on the good life.

Walt Devoy, R/W Agent, is working on the MacDonald Pass project near Helena for about two weeks.

Kenny Cress, Wesley Plann, Roger Szudera and Gordon Foley attended Appraisal Course No. 5 at Great Falls the first week of February. Rumor is they all received a passing grade.

Dean Knapp, R/W Supervisor, is back after attending a two-week Army Reserve School in Maryland at the Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Helena—Hdq.

—Bev Gibson—

It's been a tough winter but now we look for the stirrings of spring. One recent aspect of this was the wholesale move of offices from fifth to fourth and third. They say women like to move furniture but you should have seen the massive undertaking between these floors. Heavy desks and files were toted, pushed, pulled, wheeled and dropped, some collisions occurred, the elevator got stuck several times, and jokes were rampant. Things are now settled down, the phones have been untangled, and everyone knows where his office is (mostly).

The ice felled a few employees, including Julio Morales of our legal department, who received a broken hip.

Dennis Sheline, systems programmer, and Donald J. Lovely, data pro-

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gram supervisor, passed exams and are now newly licensed professional engineers.

A farewell coffee party was held in the lobby of the main building for Lewis M. Chittim who accepted a job in Vietnam. Many long-time fellow employees were in attendance to wish Lew and Mrs. Chittim good luck.

Grover Powers and his wife had a vacation in Hawaii March 1 to 18. They visited their son, Maj. George Powers who is serving in Vietnam. George's family lives in Hawaii. Grover is supervisor of preconstruction.

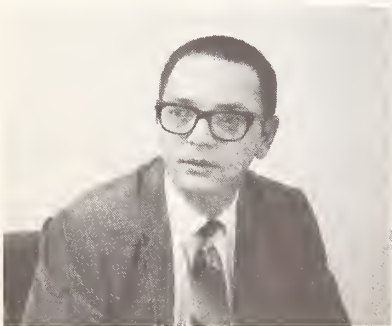
The fountain in the hall near right of way has a peculiarity of delivery which has caused it to be named "Old Faceful."

The now-defunct Highway Association had a tidy balance in the bank when it disbanded last year. The consensus on the best use of the money would be to have a grand finale party, which was duly scheduled for March 11 at the Civic Center. The highway employees were wine and dined and treated to dancing and door prizes. The East Helena Kiwanis Club catered the super delicious baron of beef dinner. The orchestra was led by Kelly Campbell, wife of Johnny Campbell, our painter.

Harold Treadway, a longtime fixture in the construction office, resigned March 17th after more than 26 years with the department. A gala party was held in his honor on St. Patrick's Day.

Leon Schneider, assistant traffic engineer, resigned the end of March and will take up new duties in the office of Al Goke, Highway Safety Director. Leon has worked for the department for 8½ years.

Al Sawitke, highway lab and Dick Berg, construction, received their professional engineer certificates in March.



Schneider

Howard Buswell, administrator, centralized services division, was a patient briefly at a local hospital. His recovery from surgery was speeded by one of Dewey Nay's personalized greeting cards, duly signed by many friends on second floor.

Charles Nolan, Kelsh plotter room, also was a surgical patient and is now feeling better.

Dick Berg, in our construction office, spends his weekends in Great Falls with his family or his Scout troop. The Bear Patrol from his Troop 3 won the sweepstakes trophy at a recent Klondike Derby in Great Falls. Pretty resourceful kids!

We welcome Richard Wegner back to the fold and congratulations on his new position.

Miles City

Jean Sweeney

We are glad to see our "Casey" Jones back on the job in the Miles City maintenance field after quite a stay in the Miles City hospital and then surgery in a Billings hospital. Casey, you're looking really good, too!

Joe Schneidt, instrumentman headquartered at Forsyth, and his wife have adopted a five-year-old boy whose father passed away a few years ago and his mother very recently passed away. The little boy's name is George and he is a relative of his new mother. This is the only child of the Schneidt's and such a happy arrangement for both the new parents and little George.

Ken and Joann Rapp spent a harrowing two weeks recently when their baby boy, Michael, eight months old, very suddenly became critically ill with meningitis and the doctors gave him a 50 percent chance to live. It was a long, hard struggle back to health for little Michael, but he is back home now and his same self again, apparently suffered no ill effects from his close call. It makes one stop and think when something like this can happen so quickly out of a clear, blue sky, but we are so glad to report such a happy outcome.

Art (Andy) Anderson, division office engineer 1, is a busy fellow this winter with his coaching basketball teams and with the class in advanced engineering he is teaching at the Miles

Community College. There are 16 Miles City bureau construction employees in this class and it will run for 12½ weeks with two classes, two hours each class, per week. When springtime comes (if it ever does) Andy is going to need a vacation.

William and Dorothy Popp are the parents of a baby boy born December 24, 1971 (first baby born on Christmas Eve in the Miles City hospital.) He has been named Mathiew Starley and Dad Bill is an engineering aide II with Claude Taylor's crew headquartered at Miles City.

A daughter was born to Del and Mary Ann Borer February 28, in a Miles City hospital just one hour and 29 minutes before Leap Year Day, the 29th. She joins a sister and two brothers and her name is Sara Marie. Del is manager, field project Unit II in the Miles City division.

Sympathy is extended to Dave Goodson, stockman in the Miles City division, on the death of his grandfather, Otho McKee. Mr. McKee lived across the street from Dave and when no one had seen him stirring about for two days, Dave investigated and found him dead. He was 88 years old.

Our Miles City division young fellows have been devoting a lot of their time in the evenings to coaching 5th and 6th graders in basketball again this year. They are Don Stewart, instrumentman; Bruce Jackman, lab tech 4; Duane Strohmayer, instrumentman; Gene Bankey, instrumentman; Ray Potter, instrumentman; and Art Anderson, division office engineer 1. Close to 100 children are involved and the children have to keep their grades up and this has proved to be very effective, too. One requirement is that each player has to play one quarter of every game so that everyone can play. This is the first year they have had jerseys which they were able to get through the profits of the tournament last year. Some of the teams have elected cheer leaders now and they are really organizing. There are eight teams (two teams per school) and they practice two nights a week—one and a half hour each night. Potter, Bankey and Stewart also have junior high teams that they coach. This year's tournament will be March 2, 3 and 4 for the junior high players and March 9, 10,

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and 11 for the 5th and 6th graders.

Most of the conversation at coffee time these days is devoted to the upcoming bowling tournament in Billings. Handicaps, singles and doubles, team events, motel reservations, who's going, etc. have all been hashed and rehashed. As the time draws nearer, there seems to be the usual all-out enthusiasm for this annual event. Ron Myrvik, maintenance clerk and Duane Strohmayr, instrumentman have been in charge of the Miles City delegation and their arrangements. So, it's SEE YOU AT THE TOURNAMENT!

The National Safety Council Defensive Driving School was held for all maintenance and construction and GVW personnel on Feb. 23 and 24 at the VFW hall in Miles City. Eighty-five employees graduated from the interesting one-day school. Instructors for the course were Vern Gray, assistant safety director from Billings and Gary Garden from the Helena safety office.

The annual division First Aid School was scheduled at the VFW hall on March 7 and 8. A three-year program to train all employees was completed with this school. Thirty-six employees were enrolled in this year's classes. Instructors were Vern Gray and Bud St. John of the Billings office.

Havre

—Edna Hess—

News is scarce as usual up in this north country. What we have most of is snow . . . snow . . . snow and that isn't news, it has gotten to be old stuff. The photo shows an example of some of the snow we have been battling this winter.

Speaking of snow, yours truly went to West Yellowstone over the weekend of Washington's birthday and drove to Old Faithful and a beautiful sight it is in the winter. It was the second time for me and I enjoyed it as much as the first time.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Morse, weighing in at 8½ lbs. on Feb. 5th. He has been named Jason Lee. Brian is a maintenance-man 1 and works the second shift in the Havre shop as security guard and serviceman.



Tom Anderson, engineering aide 2 was married on January 16th to Bonita Carter.

The engineering crews of Stan Newton, Al Bonner and Tom Hammerbacker, who are stationed in the Conrad area, have had their headquarters changed to Great Falls and are now part of that division.

Glen E. Brown, manager, field project unit, who has been stationed at Shelby has been transferred into the Kalispell division and is working in the Columbia Falls area.

Eight of us from Bozeman, Butte, Havre and Wolf Point were called in to Helena on Feb. 1 and 2 for an office managers meeting. We were picked up by none other than Swede Lindgren in the plane and returned the same way. Flying is not one of my favorite modes of travel, so it must have been important because I have refused to go places just because I would have to fly . . . all except my honeymoon in Hawaii eight years ago.

Lewistown

—Bea Knerr—

As the proverbial saying goes, "Much water has gone under the bridge" since our last report to the Centerline, only it wasn't water we had so much of during the last two months, it was snow and more snow—then came the winds, piling it up higher and higher. Of course, that is all just a memory, now we are all looking forward to spring.

Some big game hunting results: Doug Durocher shot a Monarch Elk in the Missouri River breaks. Nine points on one side and ten on the other, well worth stalking. Doug is a rodman with Bud Johnson's crew in the White Sulphur Springs area.

Many hunters in our division were lucky enough to bring home the "ba-

con" so to speak, while others were not so lucky and came home empty handed.

Jack MusGrove, emergency maintenance employee in the White Sulphur Springs area, suffered a fatal heart attack while plowing snow on January 4, 1972 in the Deep Creek Canyon. Our sympathies are extended to his family.

Tox Popnoe, father of Mrs. Evert Spraggins, died after a long illness. He was an old-time member of the Cowboy Association in this area. We extend our sympathy to "Chev" and Rose Spraggins. Chev is a rodman with Bud Johnson's crew in the White Sulphur Springs area.

Our annual Xmas party was held at the Bar-Nineteen and was a huge success again this year. Thanks to all who participated, especially the committee who made all of the arrangements: Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Ruggles.

Several employees have spent some time at home recuperating from the "Hong Kong" flu. However, all is well on the home front now.

Vern Borden, division engineer was transferred to the Wolf Point division and R. W. "Bill" Freeman, division engineer was transferred from the Great Falls division to Lewistown division. Our loss is their gain and vice versa.

A farewell party was given for Mr. and Mrs. Borden and we wish them well in their new assignment. We take this means of welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Freeman to our "fold."

Birthdays by the score in the last two months. Madison Miner, maintenance foreman; Frank Stolle and Archie Stanton, both mechanics, all celebrated birthdays on Feb. 26th. Pauline Stephens, clerk 3, celebrated her birthday Feb. 21 and another birthday from the office was Andy Harcharik on Feb. 1, while his wife, Gladys celebrates her birthday every four years only. This year they are in Arizona visiting with Milo and Leona Lahn and celebrating Milo's birthday, too.

Speaking of birthdays, Larry and Shirley Barriek were blessed with a baby girl born Feb. 29th. Janell Marie weighed in at 5 lbs. 10½ oz. and joins two big brothers, ages 2 and 4.

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Larry is a maintenanceman. Congratulations.

Dan Durocher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Durocher, received the Certificate of Merit from his Scoutmaster, Paul Pavlak. He saved the life of his seven-year-old brother while on a camping trip last fall. Paul is maintenanceman in the Lewistown shop and Doug is rodman.

LeRoy Ellis, senior clerk, is out in the field taking annual inventory for the next few days.

Ice fishing is reported to be very good this season, with several fishermen bringing in some nice catches.

Larry Barriek, maintenanceman, is on ski patrol and kept a beginner skier comfortable until she could reach the doctor with her broken leg. Mitch Miller is also on the ski patrol at the Castle Hill ski run.

In the snowmobile section we find many employees and their families enjoying this new winter sport which has mushroomed in the past year. Lewis Harrell, Dale Flinders, Archie Stanton, Chev Spraggins and many others spend hours playing in the snow with their families, taking trail rides or up into the mountains just sightseeing, or snowmobile racing, etc.

The snow in the Lewistown area is so deep that many ranchers have used their snowmobiles to pull feed out to their livestock. They have built wide-runner sleds that can be hooked onto the snowmobile and away they go, right over the fences and snow drifts without any hitch.

Web Rohletter, maintenanceman at White Sulphur Springs is home again after surgery and doing very well. Mrs. Sam Schwindt is in the hospital in Miles City undergoing surgery. Sam is maintenanceman in the Jordan area. Keith Roane will undergo surgery next week. Keith is maintenanceman at Stanford. We wish all a speedy recovery. Dale DeVore, manager, field project unit 1 of Lewistown division, said he is pleased with the corrective facial surgery he has just received. "At least I can breath, again," he said.

Leslie Herbold joined hands with James DeWitt in matrimony on March 11th. The wedding was held in Lewistown at her grandparents' home, Mr. and Mrs. Les Finkbeiner. They will reside at Lakeside, Mont.

where Jim is engaged in the lumber business. Leslie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Herbold, maintenanceman at Stanford.

Missoula

—Clara Neely—

Dick and Donna Wegner were honored by their many friends in the Missoula division at a party in the local Elk's Club on February 5th. Dick was presented with a watch and a strataphotomatagas. The latter, de-



"Thing"

signed by one of our mechanics, Jack Seibert, is truly a fantastic creation. (Patent rights are pending.)

Cecil and Beth Holmes are presently soaking up some Southern California sunshine and getting in some rounds of golf.

Congratulations are in order for Stephen D. Miller and Theresa Jacobson, who were married in Missoula on February 11th.

Russ Yarnall has transferred to Butte, where he has been promoted to the position of Division Materials Supervisor I. William H. Cameron replaced Russ in the Missoula lab.

Don Fallang and crew from St. Regis are on a temporary assignment at Boulder.

Lowell G. Smith has been on a selling spree. To date, he has 75 of the employees signed up for the Missoula Federal Credit Union, and anticipates that at least 25 more will sign for the payroll deduction.

Wolf Point

—Ollie Hauge—

W. A. Blake, chief, field mainten-

ance bureau of the Wolf Point division, was honored with the presentation of a pin for 25 years of meritorious service with the American Association of Highway Officials. Bruce Russell, supervisor of the division construction section of Glendive presented Mr. Blake with the pin at the Wolf Point division office on February 24th. Vern Borden, supervisor of the Wolf Point division construction section, the division engineers, and office personnel were also on hand to congratulate "Bill" and to enjoy coffee and a delicious cake baked especially for the occasion by Mrs. Elton Strunk.

Our stockman at Wolf Point, Snorky Diesen, has been off from work for the past five weeks due to illness, and hoped to return to work about the 6th of March. Burk Taylor has been filling in as stockman during Snorky's absence.

Betty Stone, a former temporary employee has been helping out in the office the past week—901's and gas and oil inventories are her forte. Welcome back, Betty.

David Archambeau, draftsman from the division office, has been on the sick list for the past few weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Gunwald Brenden, office manager, and Ollie Hauge, clerk from Wolf Point enjoyed brief visits in some of the offices while in Helena on highway business Feb. 1st and 2nd.

One of our former employees, Wayne Lien, has rejoined our group as of Jan. 31st. Wayne has just returned from military duty and has been assigned to Jim Baldwin's crew at Culbertson. Nice to have you back, Wayne.

Answers to quiz page 3

1. b 2. b 3. c 4. b 5. a 6. c 7. b 8. a
9. c 10. c 11. a 12. b 13. c 14. a 15. b
16. c 17. a 18. c 19. c 20. c 21. c 22. a
23. c 24. a 25. b 26. b 27. c 28. c 29. c
30. b 31. c 32. c 33. b 34. a 35. b 36. a
37. c 38. b 39. a 40. c 41. b 42. c 43. c
44. b 45. b 46. a 47. c 48. c 49. a 50. b

Score: 45-50 Excellent

44-37 Good

36-30 Average

29-25 Fair

24-0 Tourist

Letters We Like To Receive

State Highway Maintenance
Engineer

Dear Sir:

Last Sunday we drove across N. D. and Montana on U. S. #2. Weather and road conditions were very bad. On the N. D. side no snow plows were out and we really took a beating! On the Montana side we met plows continually.

I want to congratulate you and all Montana maintenance personnel on doing a fine job!

Sincerely,

E. N. Sorenson, Havre

Montana Highway Commission

Dear Sirs:

We frequently travel in your state and often make use of your rest areas. We would like to commend the Montana Highway Commission on their fine rest areas and restrooms, they are the finest of any state we have traveled in.

We feel that this service is one of the best ways to promote travel in a state.

Thank you for making our trip more pleasant.

Respectfully,

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burris
Cody, Wyo.

DDC

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The DDC was inaugurated in 1966 with a goal to train as many drivers as possible during the following years. During the first two years all currently employed highway personnel received the course, and as new employees were hired, they also attended the training course.

Fulkerson said that the present goal is to continue training new employees, and to give all employees a second course. The DDC has been constantly up-graded and new material added.

A husband and wife were asleep. About 3 a.m. the wife dreamed of secretly meeting another man. Then she dreamed she saw her husband. In her sleep she shrieked, "Heavens! My husband!" Her husband, waking suddenly, leaped out the window.

Enter KAB Photo Contest

Entry blanks and information have been mailed to all divisions of the Montana Department of Highways concerning the Keep America Beautiful photography contest.

Any photographer is eligible to submit photos on the subject of litter cleanup before the deadline of May 1.

Categories of entries are 1) black and white "before and after" prints or slides; 2) color "before and after" prints or slides; 3) black and white "before, during, and after" series of prints or slides; and 4) color "before, during and after" series of photo-

graphs or slides.

Since the Department of Highways has been engaged in an active campaign of litter prevention and clean-up, it is anticipated that employees in the various divisions may have photographic proof of their successful efforts.

Entry blanks and information have been posted on bulletin boards in all divisions. The Information Unit in Helena also has duplicates if needed.

The latest gimmick in motels is water-filled mattresses. They have a great slogan to go with it: SLEEP LIKE A KID AGAIN!

The following is a sign posted on stage coaches that made the Miles City to Deadwood run in the late 1800's.

MILES CITY-DEADWOOD STAGE LINE NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

Adherence to the following Rules will insure a pleasant trip for All.

1. Abstinence from liquor is requested, but if you must drink, share the bottle. To do otherwise makes you appear selfish and unneighborly.
2. If Ladies are present, Gentlemen are urged to forego smoking cigars and pipes as the odor of same is repugnant to the Gentle Sex. Chewing tobacco is permitted, but spit WITH the wind, not against it.
3. Gentlemen must refrain from the use of rough language in the presence of Ladies and Children.
4. Buffalo robes are provided for your comfort during cold weather. Hogging robes will not be tolerated and the offender will be made to ride with the Driver.
5. Don't snore loudly while sleeping or use your fellow passenger's shoulder for a pillow; he (or she) may not understand and friction may result.
6. Firearms may be kept on your person for use in emergencies. Do not fire them for pleasure or shoot at wild animals as the sound riles the horses.
7. In the event of runaway horses, remain calm. Leaping from the coach in panic will leave you injured, at the mercy of the elements, hostile Indians and hungry coyotes.
8. Forbidden topics of discussion are stagecoach robberies and Indian uprisings.
9. Gents guilty of unchivalrous behavior toward Lady Passengers will be put off the stage. It's a long walk back. A word to the Wise is sufficient.

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